



Dates/Setting:

Genesis spans more time than any other book in the Bible. In fact, it covers more than all the other 65 books of the Bible put together (approximately 2400 years).

The total duration is from the time of creation (?) to the time when the Israelites arrived in Egypt and grew into a nation (about 1800 B.C.). The date of Genesis is sometime after the Exodus during the 15th century B.C.

The setting divides neatly into three geographical areas:

- (1) The Fertile Crescent, 1-11
- (2) Israel (Palestine), 12-36
- (3) Egypt, 37-50

The setting of the first 11 chapters changes rapidly and spans more than 2000 years and 1500 miles. The middle section of Genesis spans about 200 years and moves from the Fertile Crescent to the land of Canaan. The final setting in Genesis is found in Egypt where God transports the “seventy souls,” Exodus 1:5 KJV

Genesis – Names for God!		
Name	Scripture	Meaning/Context
Elohim	Genesis 1:1	God’s power and might
Yahweh	Genesis 2:4	God’s proper name
El Elyon	Genesis 14:17-20	God most high
El Shaddai	Genesis 17:1	All powerful God
Yahweh Yirah	Genesis 22:14	God will provide

It is held that the only "name of God" in the Tanakh is Yahweh (the English rendering of YHWH), whereas words such as Elohim (God), El (mighty one), El Shaddai (almighty God), Adonai (master), El Elyon (most high God), Avinu (our Father), etc. are not names, but titles, highlighting different aspects of YHWH, and the various roles which He has. This is similar to how a man may be called by his name, or by 'Dad', 'Husband', 'Boss', 'Sir', 'Son', etc, but his personal name is the only one that can be correctly identified as his name. In the Tanakh, YHWH is the personal name of the God of Israel, whereas the other words are titles which are ascribed to Him. (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Names_of_God_in_Judaism)